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Uniformity in Textbooks and Transport in Kendriya Vidyalayas
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that some schools are using different books for the same subject;
(b) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to establish uniformity in textbooks for all the Government and private schools across the country;
(c) whether the prices of textbooks prescribed in private schools is much higher than those of National Council of Educational Research and Training and if so, the details thereof; and
(d) whether the Government proposes Transport System in Kendriya Vidyalayas and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) to (c): The National Curriculum Framework (NCF), 2005 sets the guidelines and direction for the development of syllabi and textbooks at all the school stages. In compliance of NCF 2005, National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) has prepared model syllabi and textual material in various subjects. Education being in the Concurrent List of the Constitution, majority of schools and the State Examination Boards come under the purview of the State Governments / UT Administrations. The States adopt / adapt the model syllabi and text books of NCERT or develop their own syllabi, textbooks and other teaching learning materials based on NCF.
All the schools affiliated to the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) are required to follow the syllabus on the basis of the curriculum prescribed by NCERT / CBSE and text books published by NCERT / CBSE. The Kendriya Vidyalayas & Navodaya Vidyalayas follow only NCERT text books in all the classes.
NCERT text books are subsidized for classes I to VIII with price ceiling of Rs. 50/- and prices of text books of classes IX to XII are based on cost of production and no profit basis.
(d) No such proposal is under consideration at present.
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